Effect of Hire in Prices of Steel, Diesel, etc. on Railways

4270. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an additional burden of Rs. 1,010 crore has been put on the Railway due to hike in steel and diesel prices, concessions to fertiliser industry and buying foreign exchange at market prices; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the latest announcements of increase in steel and coal prices are expected to result an extra burden; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to meet this burden?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The post-budgetary impact of hike in prices of steel and diesel, concessions to fertiliser indusrty and buying foreign exchange at market prices, in 1992-93 will be approximately as below:

	(Rs. in crores)
1. Steel	455
2. Foreign Exchange at market rates. . .	175
3. H.S.D. hike . . .	95
4. Decrease in earnings due to fertiliser subsidy . . .	55
	780

(b) Yes, Sir. In the current year, the impact of increase in cola prices will be around Rs. 5 cr. and that for steel Rs. 9 cr.

(c) Action Plan was launched in the beginning of the year to contain working expenses and as a result a substantial part on the burden will be absorbed.

Development of Rail Yatri Niwas Hotels

4271. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of South Central Railways to develop Rail Yatri Niwas hotels in different places; and

(b) the details of proposed Rail Yatri Niwas hotels in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) There are no plans on hand to develop Rail Yatri Niwas by the South Central Railways;

(b) Does not arise.

Stoppage of the superfast Chenni Express at Yerraguntla

4272. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to stop superfast Chennai Express at Yerranguntla in Guntakal division in S.C.R.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to lack of traffic justification.